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SUBJECT: PROPOSED IEA MINISTERIAL MEETING

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1. SUMMARY. JAPAN SUPPORTS US PROPOSAL FOR IEA MEETING AT

MINISTERIAL LEVEL MAY 26. WHILE FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA
WANTS TO ATTEND, FINAL DECISION ON WHO WILL REPRESENT
JAPAN CANNOT BE MADE UNTIL STATUS OF DIET CONSIDERATION
OF IMPORTANT LEGISLATION ON OR AROUND MAY 26 BECOMES CLEAR.
EMBASSY HOPES SOME TIME CAN BE KEPT FREE ON SECRETARY'S
SCHEDULE FOR BILATERAL MEETING WITH GOJ MINISTERIAL REP.
END SUMMARY.

2. MIYAZAKI, DG ECON AFFAIRS FONOFF, TOLD E/C MIN MARCH 11
JAPANESE MISSION TO OECD HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO SUPPORT US
PROPOSAL. HE SAID GOJ REP TO MARCH 6-7 IEA/GB HAD
AUTHORITY TO AGREE AT THAT MEETING IF US PROPOSAL HAD BEEN
PUSHED FOR DECISION. MIYAZAKI SAID GOJ HAD BEEN RELUCTANT
TO VOLUNTEER ITS SUPPORT MARCH 6-7 BECAUSE OF INABILITY TO
GIVE FLAT COMMITMENT THAT FOREIGN MINISTER COULD ATTEND
OR TO SPECIFY WHO WOULD REPRESENT JAPAN IF MIYAZAWA
UNABLE LEAVE TOKYO. THAT IS STILL THE CASE TODAY AND
WILL REMAIN SO UNTIL STATUS OF DIET CONSIDERATION OF MAJOR
LEGISLATION BECOMES CLEARER. FOREIGN MINISTER COULD NOT
LEAVE TOKYO IF EITHER NPT OR JAPAN-PRC TREATY ARE AT
CRUCIAL STAGE AROUND MAY 26. DEPUTY PM AND EPA HEAD
FUKUDA (NEXT LOGICAL CHOICE IF FONMIN UNAVAILABLE) COULD
NOT LEAVE TOKYO IF DEBATE AND/OR LEGISLATION ON DOMESTIC
ECONOMIC POLICY RECEIVING PRIORITY ATTENTION IN DIET. MITI
MINISTER KOMOTO COULD NOT LEAVE IF ANTI-MONOPOLY LAW IS
ON FRONT BURNER THAT WEEK. MIYAZAKI SAID IT WAS POSSIBLE
GOJ MIGHT HAVE TO DESIGNATE A SPECIAL MINISTERIAL
REPRESENTATIVE IF FONMIN, DEPUTY PM AND MITI MINISTER
WERE ALL UNAVAILABLE. POSSIBLE CHOICE IN THAT EVENT
MIGHT BE FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER (AND CURRENT
DIET MEMBER) KIMURA.

3. MIYAZAKI SAID FOREIGN MINISTER WANTS TO ATTEND BOTH
IEA AND OECD MINISTERIALS AND PARTICULARLY HOPES
SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE WOULD PERMIT A PRIVATE MEETING.
EMBASSY COMMENT: WE RECOMMEND SOME TIME BE BLOCKED OUT
ON SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE FOR SUCH A MEETING IF EITHER
MIYAZAWA OR FUKUDA IS GOJ REP. IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE
BUT NOT ESSENTIAL DO SAME IF MITI MINISTER KOMOTO IS
DESIGNATED. IF KIMURA DESIGNATED AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE,
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SECRETARY MIGHT WISH MEET BRIEFLY AS GESTURE TO IMPORTANCE
OF JAPAN AND RECOGNITION THEIR ACQUAINTANCE DURING
PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT TO JAPAN WHEN HE WAS FONMIN.
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